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SUBJECT: BELORUSSIAN CP PLENUM CRITICIZES PLANNING BODIES

1. SEPTEMBER 2 PRAVDA REPORTED ON JUST-COMPLETED PLENUM OF THE BELORUSSIAN CP. THE ACCOUNT WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO PLENUM'S CRITICISM OF BELORUSSIAN PLANNING AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY GOSPLAN, FOR NUMEROUS DEFICIENCIES. THE LONG LIST OF SHORTCOMINGS CITED IN THE ARTICLE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

--A "STATISTICAL APPROACH" TO WORK,

-- INSUFFICIENT ANALYSIS OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY PRODUCTION MINISTRIES,

--ENTERPRISES RECONSTRUCTED AND MODERNIZED ACCORDING TO OBSOLETE SPECIFICATIONS,

--GOSPLAN UNABLE TO COORDINATE PROPERLY BRANCH AND TERRITORIAL SECTORS OF PLANNING,

--POOR PLANNING FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

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PROGRESS,

--SOME MINISTRIES LOWERED PRODUCTION TARGETS FOR 3RD QUARTER AND THEN "OVERFULFILLED" THEM,

--LOW EDUCATIONAL LEVEL AND INSUFFICIENT CREATIVE SPIRIT AMONG PLANNING SPECIALISTS,

--INSUFFICIENT INFLUENCE AND CONTROL BY PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN GOSPLAN,

--POORLY DEVELOPED CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM; CRITICISM GENERALLY "DEPERSONALIZED",

--GOSPLAN OVERLOADED WITH PETTY DETAILS.

2. THE PLENUM ADOPED A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL OVER PLANNING ORGANS, TO ANALYZE THEIR WORK MORE DEEPLY, AND TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CADRES. FIRST SECRETARY MASHEROV PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF THE PLENARY SESSION.

3. COMMENT: THE CRITICISMS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE DIRECTED AT CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANS AT THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS, ALTHOUGH THE LIST IS LONGER AND MORE SPECIFIC. PRAVDA DID NOT REPORT WHETHER THE BEGORUSSIAN PLENUM SINGLED OUT ANYBODY BY NAME FOR CRITICISM. INTERESTINGLY, THE PLENUM APPARENTLY DID NOT FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE OR ON THE CURRENT DRIVE IN THE CENTRAL PRESS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT CPSU DIRECTIVE ON INCREASING INTER-ENTERPRISE COOPERATION AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL INTEGRATION IN AGRICULTURE.

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